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MEMORANDUM TO DEPUTY MINISTER

CARBON MARKET PLATFORM MEETING
(For Decision)

TIMELINE

Your decision is requested by **September 21, 2017**, in order

meeting in Rome, Italy. at the 2017 CMP

PURPOSE

To seek your approval for the Department

SUMMARY

- In June 2017, the G7 Environment Ministers, under the Italian Presidency, recognized the important role of carbon pricing in tackling climate change, including market-based approaches, and welcomed the second CMP Strategic Dialogue that will take place in Rome in September (Director-General level).
- The CMP aims to facilitate an informed and open strategic dialogue between important players in climate change policy that can bridge the gap between the highest political level and existing technical initiatives and partnerships. The CMP may also play a strategic role as Parties to the Paris Agreement agree on a Rulebook at the end of 2018 at COP24.
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- As a next step, we will work with partner countries to determine a specific date in the next fiscal year, and will return to you early in 2018 with an event plan, including a communications strategy (i.e., Canada's international leadership on carbon pricing) for approval.

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CONTEXT AND CURRENT STATUS

CMP is a strategic dialogue initiated by Germany in 2015 as G7 President. The dialogue is no longer formally associated with the G7 and has since been broadened to include non-G7 countries that have demonstrated significant climate leadership and have an interest in using carbon markets to fulfil their climate change commitments. Approximately 20 countries are invited to participate in the Platform each year.

The CMP has two objectives: (i) establish quality principles for safeguards to ensure environmental integrity of markets, and (ii) address overarching political questions to facilitate effective cooperation between countries and increased mitigation ambition. The CMP, which holds annual meetings and produces expert-level technical work and discussion papers, will be co-hosted by Germany and Italy in 2017.

At the first Strategic Dialogue in Tokyo in 2016, participants indicated their interest in a high-level (Director-General) platform that can bridge technical and political issues and support and accelerate the robust implementation of country pledges, while taking into account national preferences and circumstances. It was agreed that one focus of the CMP's activities should be on cooperation on carbon markets and related politically important cross-cutting issues.

CONSIDERATIONS

Given Canada's leadership on international carbon markets since COP21

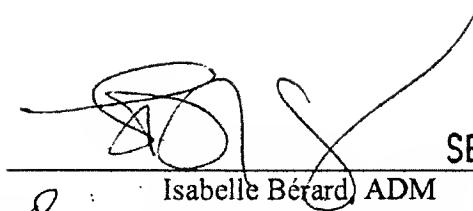
CMP Strategic Dialogue represents an opportunity to further position Canada as a key player on carbon markets in international fora. In February, 2017, Canada hosted "Markets week" in Ottawa, which was widely recognized as a great success in advancing elements to be addressed as part of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement.

and demonstrate once more that Canada is a key leader in carbon market related-issues and is ready to take action in this regard.

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NEXT STEPS

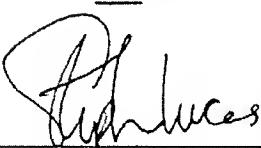
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I concur

I do not concur


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